



Senate

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File No. 249

Senate Bill No. 277

Senate, April 1, 2010

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF STUDENTS ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 (a) Each board of education shall, not later than one month after the
4 date on which the newly elected members take office, elect from its
5 number a chairperson and elect a secretary of such board and may
6 prescribe their duties. The votes of each member of such board cast in
7 such election shall be reduced to writing and made available for public
8 inspection within forty-eight hours, excluding Saturday, Sunday or
9 legal holidays, and shall also be recorded in the minutes of the meeting
10 at which taken, which minutes shall be available for public inspection
11 at all reasonable times. If such officers are not chosen after one month
12 because of a tie vote of the members, the town council or, if there is no
13 town council, the selectmen of the town shall choose such officers from
14 the membership of the board. The chairperson of the board of

15 education or, in case of such chairperson's absence or inability to act,
16 the secretary shall call a meeting of the board at least once in six
17 months and whenever such chairperson deems it necessary or is
18 requested in writing so to do by three of its members. If no meeting is
19 called within fourteen days after such a request has been made, one
20 may be called by any three members by giving the usual written notice
21 to the other members.

22 (b) At least two students from public high schools located in the
23 district shall serve on the board of education as nonvoting members.
24 The number of students from each high school shall be determined by
25 the local or regional board of education and the students shall be
26 selected through a student election or in another manner prescribed by
27 such board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2010	10-218
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ED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires each local and regional board of education to include at least two students from public high schools located in the district as nonvoting members, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 277*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF STUDENTS ON
LOCAL AND REGIONAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires each local and regional board of education to include at least two students from public high schools in the district as nonvoting members. The number of students from each high school must be determined by the respective boards, and the students must be selected in a board-prescribed manner, which can be a student election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

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